ARUM TRIPHYLLUM.

Dragon root.

PLATE IV.

It appears, that both North and South America give rise to this species of Arum, which is so versatile in its constitution as to bear the winters of Canada, and the perpetual summer of Brazil. In its structure it is one of our most singular vegetables, and in colour one of the most variable. It grows in swamps and damp shady woods, and is universally known among us by the names of *Dragon root* and *Indian turnip*.

The class to which the family of Arums belong, is rendered somewhat obscure by the variation of the species. Most botanists have placed them in the class *Monœcia*, others in *Polyandria*. The species under consideration is undoubtedly *Polygamous*. In natural arrangements, the Arums

Fig. II.

Fig. III.

Fig. 1.

Fig. IV.

Arum triphyllum